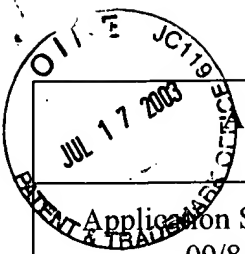


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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER
Under Small Entity Status**

Attorney Docket No: GC-425

Application Serial Number:
09/811,754

Filing Date:
3/19/2001

Examiner:
Jennifer J. Maynard

Group Art Unit:
3763

Invention: Use of Streptomyces Hyalurolyticus Enzyme in Ophthalmic Treatments

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	8	MINUS	20	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	3	3	\$42	\$ 126.00

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 5/12/2003 to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

_____ one month (\$55) _____ three months (\$460)
_____ two months (\$200) _____ four months (\$720)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

_____ Charge \$ 126.00 to Deposit Account 16-0478.

_____ No additional fee is required.

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In re:

Ed SCHULER et al.

Atty. Docket No.: GC-425

Application No. 09/811,754

Examiner: Jennifer MAYNARD

Filing Date: March 19, 2001

Art Unit: 3763

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2003, having three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 12, 2003. Since the two-month mark fell on a Saturday, this first reply is being filed on July 14, 2003, within two months of the mailing date of the final action. Please charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0478.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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